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Dear Friend,

Falls are the leading cause of death in construction in Kentucky, accounting for approximately half of the industry's workplace deaths in the Commonwealth. Combining all industries, about six Kentucky workers die each year from workplace falls. On average, five of those six deaths each year are construction workers. About 4,085 workers in Kentucky are injured each year in workplace falls that result in days away from work. **Those deaths and injuries are preventable.**

Last year marked the second year of Kentucky's Fall Prevention Campaign and Stand-Down as well as the first National Stand-Down. The national effort was a collaboration between OSHA, the Labor Cabinet, the National Institute for Occupational Safety and Health, and the Center for Construction Research and Training.

More than 7,000 employees from 37 employers participated with the Labor Cabinet in the 2014 Stand-Down in Kentucky. Almost 5,000 Stand-Downs were reported in all 50 states and internationally, and the effort reached more than 1 million workers. During the Stand-Down, employers and employees focused on preventing falls through talks, demonstrations, and training sessions. Small businesses, large corporations, small construction companies, and large construction companies stopped work to dedicate time to fall safety.

Due to the success of the 2014 campaign, this year's Stand-Down has been extended to two weeks. The national goal is to have over 3 million workers participate in over 20,000 Stand-Downs from May 4-15, 2015. Kentucky's 2015 goal is simple: surpass the achievements of 2014 and reduce falls in Kentucky.

You can visit [www.labor.ky.gov](http://www.labor.ky.gov) and [www.osha.gov/StopFallsStandDown](http://www.osha.gov/StopFallsStandDown) to learn how to partner with the Labor Cabinet and OSHA during the 2015 Stand-Down. You can get information on how to conduct a successful Stand-Down event, find cost-free resources, and receive a certificate of participation. OSHA also provides employers a certificate of participation if they complete a small online questionnaire at <http://www.osha.gov/StopFallsStandDown>.

The Labor Cabinet acknowledged Kentucky Stand-Down participants on the Cabinet's 2014 Fall Prevention Campaign webpage at [www.labor.ky.gov](http://www.labor.ky.gov) and we will do so again in 2015. Visit the webpage and let us know what you are doing for the Stand-Down; you will be recognized!

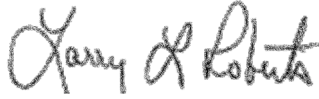
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I encourage employers and employees all over Kentucky to pause sometime during the Stand-Down to talk about fall prevention and dedicate themselves to the safety of this state's most valuable resource: *the workers*.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Larry L. Roberts". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a large initial "L".

Larry L. Roberts,  
Secretary